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SUBJ: EXCHANGES: LECTURER PROGRAM: SOVIET AND AMERICAN LECTURERS

REF: A. STATE 22379 B. STATE 231373

1. EMBASSY REVIEWED STATUS OF SOVIET AND US NOMINATIONS
WITH MHE OCTOBER22. FOLLOWING IS REPORT OF MHE DECISIONS.

2. SOVIET LECTURERS. A) GAMKRELIDZE WILL ACCEPT HIS
APPOINTMENT AT U. OF CHICAGO. MINISTRY NOW DISCUSSING
ADDITIONAL INVITATION FROM MICHIGAN WITH HIM AND HOPES TO
INFORM US IN DAY OR TWO ABOUT THIS DECISION. WHEN DECISION MADE
MHE WILL INFORM US OF HIS ARRIVAL TIME AT CHICAGO. B) KOVALEV
WILL ACCEPT INVITATION FROM SAN FRANCISCO STATE AND PLANS ARRIVE
LATTER PART OF DECEMBER. PLEASE INFORM US SOONEST IF SAN
FRANCISCO PREFERS HAVE HIM ARRIVE BEFORE OR AFTER CHRISTMAS
HOLIDAYS. SPECIFIC DATE WOULD BE USEFUL. C) NIKOLAEV ACCEPTS
INVITATION U. OF VIRGINIA AND PLANS ARRIVE JAN. 3RD. PLEASE
CONFIRM THAT THIS ACCEPTABLE TO UNIVERSITY. D) SHESTAKOV
ACCEPTS PENN STATE INVITATION FOR SPRING SEMESTER MARCH 12 -
MAY 21. ADVISE SOONEST WHEN PENN STATE PREFERS HAVE HIM
ARRIVE. E) ZASSURSKY ACCEPT U.OF P. INVITATION FOR TWO MONTH
PERIOD FEB. 24 TO APR 25.

3. SOVIET NOMINEE A.M. SHAKHAROV IN HISTROY HAS WITHDRAWN
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FROM PROGRAM BECAUSE OF URGENT BUSINESS AT HIS FACULTY.

4. MHE REQUESTS INFORMATION ON STATUS OF FOLLOWING SOVIET NOMINEES: A.I. OFCHARENKO, N.I. VAKHANIA, S.G. INGE-VECHTOMOV, L.P. STUPIN, G.G. CHIBRIKOV, G.H. POPOV, A.S. BATUYEV AND B.Y. PAKHOMOV. MHE NOTES THAT THEY HAVE ACCEPTED NINE US CANDIDATES AND SO FAR HAVE HAD ONLY FIVE OF THEIRS ACCEPTED. MINISTRY PROMISES BIO-DATA FOR INGE-VECHTOMOV AND BATUYEV SOON.

5. U.S. NOMINEES: MHE INFORMED EMBASSY THAT PETERSON, KOLB, LEVIN AND STAVE TURNED DOWN BY LENINGRAD UNIVERSITY BECAUSE UNIVERSITY HAS NO PLANS FOR FOREIGN LECTURERS IN THEIR FIELDS THIS YEAR.

6. MHE NOTED THAT HAYTHORNWAITE AND BALCH ACCEPTED BY MGU IN PRINCIPLE BUT THAT MINISTRY PREFERS NOT ACT ON THEIR CANDIDACIES UNTIL MORE SOVIET LECTURERS ACCEPTED BY US SIDE. MHE OFFICIAL NOTED THAT AS MATTER OF PRINCIPLE THEY PREFER KEEP PROGRAM ON AS RECIPROCAL BASIS AS POSSIBLE AND THAT PRESENT IMBALANCE BETWEEN NINE US LECTURERS AND ONLY FIVE SOVIETS MAKES ACCEPTING ADDITIONAL US CANDIDATES DIFFICULT AT THIS TIME. FYI: EMBASSY ITSELF FEELS IN WEAKENED NEGOTIATING POSITION BECAUSE OF IMBALANCE. IN OUR OPINION SOVIETS MAY BE WILLING ACCEPT REASONS FOR IMBALANCE AND ACCEPT SOME RESPONSIBILITY FOR ITS EXISTENCE BUT ARE NOT WILLING TO WIDEN GAP. END FYI.

7. REGARDING PARA 1 REFTEL B LE-WU LU ACCEPTED PERIOD FEB. TO END OF MAY OR EARLY JUNE. ULRICH AT MOMENT ACCEPTED FOR THREE MONTH PERIOD FEB. END OF APRIL. HOWEVER, MHE ASKING LU TO ACCEPT FOR FULL SEMESTER IF POSSIBLE. WILL INFORM.

8. PLEASE INFORM LE-WU LU THAT INSTITUTE OF BUILDING AND ENGINEERING ATTEMPTING FIND APARTMENT FOR HIM IN AREA OF INSTITUTE. IF THIS FAILS MHE WILL BE FORCED OFFER HIM TWO ROOMS IN UNIVERSITY HOTEL. HOTEL HAS NO COOKING FACILITIES AVAILABLE TO GUESTS BUT HAS DINING ROOM WITH VERY SLOW SERVICE AND SMALLER CAFETERIA WITH LIMITED TWO COURSE MENU BUT MUCH QUICKER SERVICE. MHE ASKING UNIVERSITY FOR TWO ROOMS BLOCK FOR ULRICH AND HIS WIFE AT UNIVERSITY BUT IF THIS UNAVAILABLE HE WILL BE OFFERED LARGE DOUBLE-BEDDED ROOM AT UNIVERSITY HOTEL. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ACCOMMODATIONS AT UNIVERSITY HAVE SEPARATE COOKING FACILITIES ON SAME CORRIDOR AS LIVING QUARTERS. HOTEL AS DESCRIBED ABOVE HAS NO COOKING FACILITIES AVAILABLE TO GUESTS, ALTHOUGH PREVIOUS AMERICAN FAMILIES HAVE COOKED ON HOT PLATES IN THEIR ROOM. PLEASE ADVISE ULRICH OF THIS AND INFORM US HIS WILLINGNESS ACCEPT HOTEL SPACE IF THIS BECOMES NECESSARY. STOESEL

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